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USSR REVISES TWO PENALTIES

STATUTORY OFFENSE -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 4, 6 Jan 49

To increase criminal liability for rape, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR decrees that rape shall be punished by confinement to a corrective labor camp for a period of from 10 to 15 years; rape of minors, rape by a group of individuals, or rape which causes particularly serious consequences shall be punished by confinement to a corrective labor camp for a period of from 15 to 20 years: (From the Decree of 4 January 1949, signed by N. Shvernik, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, and A. Gorkin, Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.)

BIRTH AND DEATH REGISTRATION -- Zarya Vostoka, No 52, 18 Mar 49

The Militia Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Georgian SSR notifies the public that, according to law, all births and deaths must be registered in cities and villages of the Republic within certain time: one month in the case of birth, and not later than the third day in case of deaths.

Persons found guilty of violating the law will be subject to administration penalty, and deliberate violations will be followed by court action.

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